

Amendments to the Specification

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

~~-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/440,734, filed January 17, 2003, and entitled "METHOD FOR USING A SYNCHRONOUS SAMPLING DESIGN IN A FIXED RATE SAMPLING MODE", which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.~~

This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US04/01581, filed January 20, 2004, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on August 5, 2004 in English and which claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application No. 60/440,734, filed January 17, 2003. --